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Personal Income in Alabama

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The personal income of Alabamians lags behind the U.S. average and is not growing as fast, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

BEA recently released its estimates of total personal income and per capita personal income for 1982 for the nation, states, metropolitan areas, and counties. BEA income figures put total personal income for Alabamians for 1982 at $34,119 million. Per capita personal income for Alabamians for 1982 was estimated at $8,647. The total personal income figure for Alabama represents a 5 percent increase over BEA's estimate for 1981, which compares to a 6 percent increase for the nation as a whole. The 1982 per capita income level for Alabama amounts to 78 percent of the national per capita income level.

Income may be recorded either by place of work (where earned) or by place of residence (where received). Personal income by definition is a measure of income received; therefore, BEA's estimates of personal income reflect the place of residence-the state, county, and MSA of income recipients.

Total personal income of an area is the income received by all the residents of the area. It includes income received from all sources--participation in production, transfer payments, government and business, and government interest (which is treated as a transfer payment). Persons consist not only of individuals but also nonprofit institutions, private noninsured welfare funds, and private fund trusts. Proprietors' income is treated in its entirely as received by individuals.

Reflecting conservative monetary and fiscal policies as well as the effects of recession, 1982 marked the first year in five that total personal income growth failed to reach the double-digit level for both the U.S. and Alabama. Over the five-year span since 1977, income growth for the U.S. as a whole outpaced slightly income growth for Alabama. Average annual growth in U.S. total personal income was 11.0 percent for 1977-82, while average annual growth for Alabama income amounted to 10.2 percent for the same period. However, Alabama has the edge over the U.S. as a whole in long-run total personal income growth. For the period 1959-1982, the annual average growth in total personal income for Alabama was 8.95 percent, which compares to an average growth rate of 8.64 percent for U.S. income.

It is no coincidence that changes in total personal income are reflected in changes in population. With the exception of Montgomery and Madison counties, the ten most populous Alabama counties have the greatest total personal income in the same order. The ten "richest" counties, ranked by 1982 total personal income in descending order, were: Jefferson, $7,185 million; Mobile, $3,343 million; Madison, $2,193 million; Montgomery (which exceeded Madison by 72 persons in the 1980 Census), $2,072 million; Tuscaloosa, $1,161 million; Calhoun, $984 million; Etowah, $855 million; Morgan, $795 million; Lauderdale, $731 million; and Baldwin, $719 million.

Per capita personal income--the total personal income of the residents of a given area divided by the resident population of the area--is often preferred to total personal income as a measure of economic vitality. Per capita personal income serves as an indicator of the quality of consumer markets and of the economic well-being of the residents of an area. This measure, however, can vary widely from county to county and should be used with caution for several reasons. For example, an unusually high (or low) per capita income figure can be the temporary result of unusual conditions, such as a bumper crop, a major construction project, or a catastrophe. In some cases, a high per capita income figure is not representative of the standard of living in an area. For example, a construction project may attract a large number of highly paid workers who are included in the population but who send a substantial portion of their wages to dependents living in other areas. Conversely, a county with a large institutional population (e.g., residents in a college, correctional institution, or domiciliary medical facility) may show an unusually low per capita income, which is not necessarily indicative of the economic well-being of the noninstitutional population.

BEA estimates that $11,100 in personal income was generated on average for every U.S. resident in 1982. As stated previously, Alabama's per capita personal income figure of $8,647 is only 78 percent of the national average. BEA's estimate for 1981 Alabama per capita personal income also was at 78 percent of the 1981 national level. In fact, the per capita personal income estimates for 1977 forward indicate continued erosion in Alabama's position relative to the U.S. as a whole. For 1977 and 1978, Alabama per capita personal income stood at 80 percent of the national average; for 1979 and 1980 the figure was 79 percent, according to BEA. Further, Alabama's 1982 per capita personal income amount represents an increase of 4.38 percent over the 1981 amount, while the national average growth in per capita personal income was 4.90 percent.

Three Alabama counties in the list of ten "richest" by total personal income--Calhoun, Etowah, and Tuscaloosa--are displaced in a similar ranking by per capita personal income. In descending order, the "richest" ten counties by 1982 per capita personal income were: Madison, $10,882; Jefferson, $10,683; Montgomery, $10,257; Houston, $9,175; Walker, $8,969; Mobile, $8,907; Lauderdale, $8,869; Morgan, $8,762; Baldwin, $8,709; and Colbert, $8,655. Several of these counties are economically linked: Mobile and Baldwin; Colbert and Lauderdale; Walker and Jefferson. Although not in the same metropolitan statistical area, Morgan and Madison counties are economically linked.

According to the BEA data for 1982, only two of Alabama's nine metropolitan areas had per capita personal income levels at or above 90 percent of the national average: Huntsville, 98 percent; Birmingham, 90 percent. These were followed by the Montgomery (86 percent) and Mobile (80 percent) metropolitan areas. Anniston, Dothan, Florence, Gadsden, and Tuscaloosa metropolitan areas had per capita personal income levels of 70-79 percent of the national average.

At the county level, only three of Alabama's sixty-seven counties--Jefferson, Madison, and Montgomery--had 1982 per capita personal income levels of at least 90 percent of the national average, according to BEA. This was also the case in 1977. Four counties were in the 80-90 percent level for 1982; six were for 1977. Nineteen counties were in the 70-79 percent level for 1982; nineteen were for 1977. Thirty-two counties were in the 60-69 percent level for 1982; only twenty-three for 1977. The per capita personal income levels of nine counties was at or less than 59 percent of the national average for 1982; sixteen were in this category for 1977.

The BEA personal income estimates reflect both the success of Alabama's "smokestack strategy" during the 1960s through the mid 1970s and the ravages of recession on the same strategy in the late 1970s and early 1980s. The new emphasis of Alabama's government and business leaders is on diversity of the state's economy. We can hope that this new strategy will be successful and will result in a more resilient economy--one in which long-run trends will regain vigor and the wealth of Alabama's citizens will increase.

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1983									1984			
	1982	1983	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	25,869	23,071	2,017	1,907	1,759	1,667	2,004	1,937	2,150	2,044	1,849	2,181	2,434	2,518	2,211
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	133,892	126,576	11,429	10,399	10,301	10,189	10,541	9,028	10,409	10,453	9,407	10,962	11,264	10,750	11,386
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	320,808	360,820	29,988	31,724	32,494	24,507	33,557	31,394	30,597	29,370	28,336	28,600	31,542	29,964	27,510
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	20,011	18,708	1,561	1,564	1,525	1,596	1,592	1,435	1,522	1,569	1,499	1,624	1,578	1,590	1,533
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	21,431	21,020	1,702	1,753	1,797	1,756	1,963	1,892	1,818	1,799	1,698	1,827	1,958	1,919	1,983
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	5,419	6,166	506	556	554	561	505	511	559	510	479	532	526	580	571
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,011,200	2,768,200	226,900	269,800	332,400	160,400	219,900	242,200	278,600	291,000	211,000	228,400	159,700	244,600	174,300
Residential	847,200	1,293,000	113,100	109,900	125,800	100,500	101,300	162,200	138,100	97,300	96,000	98,300	82,200	125,100	104,500
Nonresidential	660,000	1,018,200	70,500	118,300	117,300	45,300	73,300	45,400	108,000	162,000	82,800	112,300	36,300	66,600	47,500
Public works and utilities	504,000	456,900	43,200	41,600	89,300	14,700	45,400	34,400	32,700	31,400	32,200	17,700	41,300	52,900	22,300
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	928	1,086	85	85	116	102	116	101	108	92	67	68	87	108	100
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	4,598	5,263	4,951	4,993	5,063	5,096	5,123	5,158	5,191	5,204	5,263	5,289	5,323	5,389	5,387
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,112,332	2,288,165	192,932	218,607	189,144	173,150	191,429	219,553	186,326	221,579	154,139	205,929	202,747	264,652	234,338
Franchise	52,016	52,214	7,306	1,145	2,777	7,524	2,253	7,300	4,430	1,980	507	302	1,153	28,642	5,879
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	197,894	199,587	17,681	16,303	17,158	17,252	17,182	17,874	16,536	16,469	16,044	18,417	16,305	15,305	17,523
Income	765,160	815,838	49,511	108,834	80,633	36,785	81,341	81,667	38,160	83,559	53,073	49,125	95,328	130,393	82,889
Motor fuels	41,505	45,027	3,763	3,901	3,136	3,206	4,195	3,383	4,189	5,673	3,906	3,415	4,409	3,448	3,899
Oil gas privilege	36,891	89,645	5,691	6,447	6,193	5,131	5,298	5,168	5,106	34,115	4,424	5,742	5,924	5,475	5,164
Oil gas production	18,510	17,290	1,362	1,823	1,541	1,319	1,319	1,331	1,314	1,339	1,146	1,465	1,565	1,442	1,384
Sales	562,208	609,132	48,128	52,546	52,347	51,650	52,961	51,526	51,888	53,500	49,930	67,569	49,655	50,142	55,808
2.2% Gross receipts	44,104	46,185	10,636	110	48	10,738	61	3,548	10,134	63	6	13,504	152	9	13,448
TVA electric	35,999	31,290	5,661	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,911	2,867	.....	2,867	5,734	.....	2,867	2,867
Tobacco	70,885	68,915	5,411	5,599	6,536	6,035	5,426	5,906	6,030	5,454	6,081	5,485	4,985	5,418	5,734
Use	67,876	66,519	14,062	1,239	816	14,707	1,097	643	15,021	1,389	459	15,067	1,975	1,045	15,351
Utility	134,597	152,287	12,152	11,461	10,751	10,617	11,747	12,838	22,053	11,324	11,079	14,760	15,900	13,171	11,714
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	288.8	298.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8
Food	285.7	291.7	291.9	292.4	292.0	292.0	292.2	292.6	292.9	292.5	293.9	299.4	302.1	302.2	302.3
Housing	314.7	323.1	320.3	321.8	323.1	324.5	324.8	326.4	326.8	327.0	327.4	329.2	331.0	331.5	333.2
Fuel and utilities	350.8	370.3	363.6	369.3	373.6	375.5	375.1	376.4	374.4	371.3	370.6	376.0	383.0	380.1	380.9
Apparel and upkeep	191.8	196.5	195.5	196.1	195.6	195.0	197.3	200.4	200.7	200.7	199.3	196.4	196.2	198.8	199.2
Transportation	291.5	298.4	292.3	296.2	298.3	300.4	302.4	303.7	305.0	306.3	306.3	306.0	305.8	306.9	309.6
Medical care	328.7	357.3	353.5	354.3	355.4	357.7	360.0	361.2	362.9	364.9	366.2	369.5	373.2	374.5	375.7
Energy	416.0	419.3	410.0	421.3	427.3	430.1	429.8	429.3	425.1	419.9	418.0	416.7	420.2	418.1	421.3
Producer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	299.3	303.1	300.6	301.5	302.4	303.2	304.7	305.3	306.0	305.5	306.1	308.0	308.8	311.1	330.4
Industrial commodities	312.3	315.7	312.4	313.6	315.3	316.5	317.3	317.1	318.5	318.3	318.4	319.1	320.4	321.9	322.5
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers *(1977 = 100)*	115.8	122.3	117.0	120.0	119.0	122.0	126.0	126.0	124.0	131.0	133.0	140.0	138.0	138.0	138.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	346	335	338	337	335	334	333	331	330	330	329	328	326	325	324
Wholesale prices	334	330	333	332	331	330	328	328	327	327	327	325	324	321	303
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[1]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,713.0	1,744.8	1,732.7	1,729.4	1,732.2	1,758.3	1,746.2	1,745.3	1,774.6	1,774.9	1,732.8	1,754.8	1,759.6	1,765.8	1,777.0
Unemployment	247.0	235.1	236.6	225.0	222.2	232.0	214.0	214.5	220.7	223.1	197.0	238.4	227.9	218.0	197.1
Unemployment rate	14.4	13.5	13.7	13.0	12.8	13.2	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.6	11.4	13.6	13.0	12.3	11.1
Employment	1,466.0	1,509.7	1,496.1	1,504.4	1,510.0	1,526.3	1,531.9	1,530.8	1,553.9	1,551.8	1,535.8	1,516.4	1,531.7	1,547.8	1,579.9
Nonagricultural	1,312.5	1,318.4	1,312.4	1,320.9	1,331.6	1,332.0	1,323.7	1,326.5	1,334.8	1,336.6	1,338.8	1,324.4	1,330.2	1,333.0	1,345.7
Manufacturing	337.8	338.2	334.5	337.6	340.9	337.4	344.8	345.5	346.0	346.3	345.6	344.6	345.2	346.6	351.1
Durable goods	159.1	157.6	156.1	157.3	157.6	157.9	160.9	161.1	161.9	162.6	162.2	161.9	162.9	165.4	167.0
Lumber and wood products	25.1	27.6	27.0	27.7	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.6	28.4	28.3	27.8	28.2	28.8	28.9
Stone, clay, glass products	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8	9.1
Primary metals	29.6	24.8	25.1	25.0	24.7	24.3	24.9	24.5	24.6	24.6	24.8	25.2	25.2	26.2	26.2
Blast furn. and steel works	8.8	5.7	5.8	6.0	6.1	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.5	6.1	6.6	7.1	7.7	7.7
Iron and steel foundries	11.4	10.5	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.5	9.9	10.0	9.6	10.0	10.1
Fabricated metals	22.8	21.7	21.4	21.5	21.4	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.4	22.4	22.0	22.2	22.2	22.4
Machinery (excl. electrical)	.....	14.8	14.6	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.6	15.9	15.9
Electrical, electronic equip.	.....	21.4	20.8	21.2	21.5	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.0	22.3	22.3	22.5	22.9	22.9	23.2
Transportation	22.6	21.5	21.4	21.2	19.9	20.2	21.8	22.0	22.6	22.7	22.4	22.5	22.6	22.9	23.3
Other durable goods	16.0	17.2	17.0	17.2	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.1	17.9	17.5	17.7	18.0
Nondurable goods	178.8	180.6	178.4	180.5	183.3	179.5	183.9	184.4	184.1	183.7	183.4	182.7	182.3	181.2	184.1
Food	26.5	26.9	26.5	26.8	27.2	27.3	27.4	27.4	27.5	27.2	27.1	26.9	26.5	26.5	26.7
Textile mill products	38.8	39.1	38.7	38.8	39.6	37.6	39.6	40.2	40.3	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.3	40.4	40.4
Apparel	53.0	54.3	53.0	54.4	55.6	53.8	55.4	56.0	55.5	55.4	55.1	54.4	54.7	53.6	55.7
Paper and allied products	21.0	21.4	21.2	21.4	21.8	21.9	22.1	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.3	21.1	20.8	21.2
Printing and publishing	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.3	10	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.8
Chemicals and allied products	13.1	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.5	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.6	11.9	11.8	11.9	11.9
Rubber products	13.8	14.6	14.8	14.7	14.7	14.8	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3
Other nondurable goods	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	974.7	980.1	977.9	983.1	990.7	994.6	978.9	981.0	988.8	990.3	993.2	979.8	985.0	986.4	994.6
Mining and quarrying	16.2	13.6	13.6	13.4	13.6	13.7	13.6	12.9	13.3	13.6	13.5	13.1	13.8	13.7	13.9
Bituminous coal mining	12.1	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.5	10.4	9.7	10.1	10.4	9.5	9.1	9.8	9.6	9.9
Contract construction	56.8	59.4	57.7	59.3	61.6	62.0	62.6	62.7	62.6	63.0	62.4	60.1	60.7	60.4	62.6
Trans., comm., and utilities	71.1	69.7	69.4	70.1	70.9	70.7	64.6	70.7	71.3	70.9	71.1	70.6	71.3	71.6	71.4
Trade	267.4	271.0	267.5	269.3	272.5	272.7	273.0	273.7	275.5	278.0	282.1	273.9	272.9	274.1	277.5
Wholesale	70.0	69.7	69.0	69.2	70.3	70.2	70.3	70.4	70.6	70.8	70.7	70.8	71.2	71.3	71.6
Retail	197.4	201.3	198.5	200.1	202.2	202.5	202.7	203.3	204.9	207.2	211.4	203.1	201.7	202.8	205.9
Finance, insurance, real estate	58.8	59.4	59.1	59.3	60.1	60.3	60.2	59.8	59.6	59.6	59.6	59.8	60.0	60.3	60.6
Service and miscellaneous	214.4	217.8	218.6	218.0	219.8	219.8	219.8	219.7	219.6	218.6	218.3	216.3	218.3	219.2	220.4
Government	290.1	289.2	292.0	293.7	292.2	295.4	285.1	281.5	286.9	286.6	286.2	286.0	288.0	287.1	288.2
Federal	65.1	64.6	64.2	64.5	65.4	65.5	65.4	64.9	64.3	64.1	64.0	63.9	63.7	63.6	63.9
State and local	224.9	224.6	227.8	229.2	226.8	229.9	219.7	216.6	222.6	222.5	222.2	222.1	224.3	223.5	224.3

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983									1984			
	1982	1983	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	176,752	207,309	18,139	18,495	21,778	20,987	19,505	17,884	14,485	14,784	11,998	17,938	16,014	16,084	14,672
Nonagricultural placements	66,900	91,100	7,233	6,942	10,753	15,126	10,484	7,499	7,117	6,071	5,114	5,741	5,509	6,477	7,082
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	632,290	428,181	30,468	26,892	25,293	49,017	29,803	24,506	27,873	28,728	35,738	75,004	29,677	28,150	24,214
Payments *($1,000)*	233,984	191,868	16,669	14,783	14,873	13,217	15,186	13,556	11,656	12,540	13,999	18,452	15,901	15,566	11,949
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,080	15,780	16,190	15,890	15,930	15,770	15,590	15,610	15,710	15,680	15,460	15,530	15,420	15,460	15,600
	15.0	14.1	16.9	13.9	13.5	12.6	11.5	11.8	11.6	11.7	10.8	12.7	11.3	10.5	9.7
Baldwin	33,390	33,830	33,650	34,000	34,400	34,910	34,040	33,640	33,970	33,950	33,760	34,310	34,670	34,600	34,300
	12.1	12.3	12.4	12.4	11.4	12.6	11.3	11.3	11.0	11.3	11.6	14.0	13.7	12.6	10.3
Barbour	11,510	11,980	12,110	12,250	12,160	12,320	12,130	12,040	12,090	11,800	11,520	11,610	11,660	11,580	11,920
	16.2	13.1	14.3	12.7	12.7	13.3	12.8	11.1	10.9	10.9	10.8	13.0	12.2	10.2	9.6
Bibb	5,670	5,940	6,030	6,100	6,250	6,180	5,620	5,820	5,770	5,770	5,690	6,040	5,790	5,990	5,920
	22.8	19.6	21.2	19.0	17.6	17.2	16.2	17.9	15.0	15.4	18.0	25.3	20.0	19.6	19.1
Blount	14,050	13,520	13,770	13,960	13,690	13,680	13,440	13,510	13,730	13,130	12,890	12,870	13,020	13,200	13,290
	19.9	18.1	19.3	18.8	18.7	19.1	16.0	15.2	14.2	14.7	14.0	17.1	16.8	21.0	13.6
Bullock	4,480	4,530	4,370	4,510	4,590	4,690	4,720	4,770	4,820	4,660	4,410	4,230	4,250	4,250	4,390
	18.3	17.2	16.2	15.5	17.7	20.1	18.4	15.0	14.3	14.9	15.2	16.1	14.1	13.3	11.6
Butler	9,960	9,900	9,770	9,920	9,820	10,020	9,900	9,910	10,250	9,940	9,720	9,900	9,770	9,810	9,830
	20.3	17.3	18.4	17.8	18.2	17.9	15.9	14.0	15.2	13.3	12.0	16.7	15.5	15.1	13.2
Calhoun	45,620	46,560	46,160	46,800	47,050	47,340	46,910	46,350	46,850	46,310	46,520	47,170	47,220	47,470	47,820
	15.1	13.1	13.6	14.3	13.7	13.2	12.0	10.9	11.5	10.8	11.3	12.9	12.2	11.7	10.0
Chambers	16,280	16,920	16,780	16,940	17,290	17,460	17,230	16,790	17,070	16,880	16,760	16,760	16,850	16,950	17,050
	11.3	9.8	9.7	9.6	10.1	11.2	9.7	7.8	8.7	8.3	7.8	8.8	9.3	6.8	8.9
Cherokee	11,390	11,400	11,730	11,960	11,580	11,120	10,910	11,600	11,770	11,430	10,860	11,090	11,110	11,120	11,680
	14.8	15.4	15.0	12.6	12.9	19.4	17.4	9.7	13.4	10.2	11.1	14.5	17.4	20.8	11.3
Chilton	13,450	15,420	15,500	15,780	15,420	15,600	15,650	15,580	15,820	15,640	15,360	15,490	15,540	15,650	15,710
	15.6	13.3	14.5	14.0	12.6	12.0	11.5	10.9	10.3	10.7	10.5	12.7	11.7	11.7	11.1
Choctaw	5,280	5,560	5,650	5,730	5,590	5,830	5,570	5,430	5,510	5,440	5,500	5,610	5,650	5,660	5,650
	15.3	15.2	16.6	16.8	16.1	19.0	14.7	12.9	12.6	11.4	12.8	15.2	16.1	15.9	13.8
Clarke	10,450	10,810	10,800	10,840	11,240	11,090	10,800	10,580	10,620	10,580	10,560	10,870	10,680	10,780	10,640
	15.9	16.2	16.9	16.5	18.1	17.0	14.6	13.4	13.2	13.6	13.8	15.9	14.9	13.8	12.7
Clay	7,400	7,520	7,450	7,540	7,370	7,720	7,470	7,590	7,690	7,670	7,510	7,650	7,670	7,840	7,950
	13.5	13.8	13.4	15.8	15.2	17.4	12.9	11.8	11.3	11.3	10.7	12.3	11.8	10.8	9.8
Cleburne	5,080	5,210	5,240	5,290	5,190	5,180	5,050	5,290	5,280	5,190	5,160	5,090	5,100	5,130	5,150
	14.5	12.5	16.4	13.3	13.3	11.0	9.6	10.0	9.6	9.7	9.7	11.2	10.9	10.8	8.7
Coffee	19,410	20,040	20,070	20,370	20,190	20,360	20,320	20,440	20,340	20,020	19,700	19,430	20,030	20,030	20,120
	11.8	10.8	11.5	11.1	10.1	10.7	9.8	8.8	8.5	8.9	9.6	10.2	10.5	9.8	8.1
Colbert	23,620	24,050	24,520	24,390	24,270	24,490	24,040	23,600	23,710	23,500	23,520	23,760	24,310	24,140	24,310
	19.0	18.5	20.6	18.7	17.8	18.6	17.4	16.4	15.8	15.3	15.5	19.0	20.1	18.3	17.8
Conecuh	6,920	7,010	7,000	7,000	7,060	7,090	7,040	7,100	7,060	6,970	7,120	7,050	7,010	7,130	7,260
	13.9	12.7	13.8	12.9	12.3	12.3	11.1	12.6	11.7	12.3	13.7	13.7	14.1	12.6	11.1
Coosa	5,530	5,570	5,600	5,680	5,460	5,610	5,480	5,590	5,610	5,600	5,520	5,510	5,520	5,460	5,610
	10.8	10.3	11.4	11.7	10.6	11.6	9.5	8.1	7.7	8.2	7.8	9.0	8.8	7.8	7.5
Covington	15,630	16,340	16,370	16,600	16,530	16,710	16,690	16,590	16,580	16,500	16,160	16,280	16,570	16,360	16,370
	13.5	12.3	12.3	11.4	10.7	14.9	12.3	10.9	10.3	11.1	11.3	12.8	13.4	11.6	10.1
Crenshaw	6,830	7,220	7,210	7,460	7,410	7,790	7,340	7,570	7,640	7,250	6,820	6,750	6,810	6,920	7,170
	13.8	12.1	11.8	10.9	11.4	24.3	10.8	9.9	8.6	8.3	8.6	12.5	11.9	12.7	10.3
Cullman	27,400	28,710	29,070	29,370	28,960	29,190	28,570	29,050	29,480	28,830	28,050	28,430	28,700	29,070	29,160
	17.2	14.7	15.9	14.9	14.1	14.4	12.5	11.9	11.1	10.9	10.7	14.2	14.6	12.9	10.6
Dale	12,410	12,980	13,080	13,270	13,040	13,210	12,950	12,760	13,110	12,890	12,630	12,760	12,780	12,980	12,980
	13.1	13.7	14.9	13.8	13.4	14.2	12.6	11.3	11.8	12.1	11.5	12.8	13.3	13.7	11.4
Dallas	23,870	23,640	23,450	23,860	24,310	24,420	23,830	23,440	23,540	23,370	22,910	23,360	23,400	23,260	23,480
	17.3	17.5	17.7	17.8	17.2	18.0	16.3	15.5	15.2	15.3	14.7	17.0	16.6	15.6	15.5
DeKalb	28,460	29,950	30,060	30,370	30,700	31,260	30,580	30,100	30,200	29,530	28,890	29,440	29,310	29,580	30,100
	13.4	13.8	14.7	13.4	13.4	14.7	12.0	12.1	13.0	12.3	11.6	14.5	12.7	12.0	10.8
Elmore	19,880	20,770	21,010	21,350	21,460	21,150	21,020	20,680	20,780	20,570	20,250	20,170	20,220	20,390	20,570
	13.3	12.2	13.8	13.8	13.6	12.3	11.7	10.4	10.1	9.5	8.4	9.6	9.1	8.8	8.0
Escambia	16,470	17,430	17,610	17,770	17,810	17,890	17,360	17,340	17,390	17,410	17,440	17,560	17,610	17,420	17,610
	13.2	12.6	13.0	13.2	12.8	13.7	12.4	11.3	11.3	12.1	12.6	14.3	13.5	11.8	11.3
Etowah	42,720	42,450	42,650	43,010	42,520	42,830	42,350	41,440	41,890	41,720	41,370	41,660	41,700	41,500	41,810
	20.5	17.5	18.8	17.2	16.6	17.0	15.3	14.0	14.0	14.2	13.5	15.8	15.3	14.3	13.4
Fayette	9,830	10,170	10,110	10,210	10,260	10,200	10,100	10,330	10,450	10,310	10,160	10,160	10,170	10,340	10,490
	11.4	11.7	13.9	11.6	10.5	11.7	10.9	10.7	9.6	9.4	9.7	10.5	9.7	9.9	8.9
Franklin	13,310	14,200	14,040	14,150	14,590	15,010	14,530	14,500	14,440	14,320	14,010	15,060	15,190	15,390	14,930
	18.4	18.2	17.4	15.3	16.2	24.4	15.9	15.9	15.5	16.6	16.6	25.7	23.0	22.1	18.3
Geneva	10,800	11,400	11,250	11,690	11,740	11,680	11,450	11,570	11,950	11,600	11,470	11,330	11,320	11,430	11,670
	11.4	10.5	10.9	11.1	9.8	10.9	9.9	8.5	8.3	8.3	9.4	10.2	9.4	8.9	8.4
Greene	4,560	4,610	4,650	4,640	4,630	4,610	4,510	4,560	4,590	4,480	4,420	4,610	4,700	4,640	4,780
	17.0	16.7	18.0	16.0	15.6	15.3	14.1	13.3	12.7	13.5	15.4	21.5	21.4	17.7	16.8
Hale	4,980	5,310	5,330	5,410	5,300	5,550	5,260	5,360	5,460	5,340	5,270	5,380	5,310	5,310	5,450
	20.7	16.6	16.0	15.3	15.1	19.3	13.5	13.0	12.8	14.8	18.2	22.6	19.6	17.9	16.8
Henry	7,010	7,260	7,300	7,590	7,330	7,360	7,260	7,480	7,670	7,410	7,140	7,020	7,100	7,050	7,390
	12.2	11.2	11.6	11.7	11.9	12.5	10.7	10.0	9.1	9.3	9.4	11.5	10.2	8.6	8.4
Houston	39,040	40,070	39,820	40,670	40,540	41,010	40,360	40,720	41,050	40,160	39,630	39,610	39,840	40,080	40,770
	10.0	10.8	11.2	11.4	11.0	12.4	10.5	10.0	9.7	9.4	9.2	10.4	9.4	8.9	8.6
Jackson	21,080	20,800	21,010	20,830	20,990	21,480	20,280	20,690	20,980	20,320	19,980	19,810	19,930	19,660	19,640
	20.4	22.0	23.0	20.8	21.9	23.6	17.6	18.8	19.5	19.0	20.7	22.0	21.8	19.3	16.4
Jefferson	306,120	310,270	312,800	313,250	313,520	315,270	310,460	308,350	307,640	305,340	303,270	306,020	305,750	306,780	310,420
	13.8	12.8	13.5	13.0	12.7	12.5	11.8	11.6	10.8	10.7	10.1	11.6	10.7	10.9	9.9
Lamar	8,330	8,820	9,060	9,120	8,910	8,880	8,670	8,780	8,960	8,900	8,730	8,830	8,940	8,980	9,100
	13.5	9.8	11.1	10.4	11.0	9.9	8.7	8.2	7.9	8.4	7.3	8.9	8.2	7.5	7.5
Lauderdale	34,260	34,810	34,950	35,060	35,480	35,810	34,840	34,370	34,610	34,220	34,350	34,800	35,380	35,280	34,890
	17.5	16.9	17.7	16.4	17.0	17.7	15.8	15.2	14.8	14.0	14.5	18.3	18.8	17.4	15.4
Lawrence	14,310	14,490	15,040	14,950	14,760	14,840	14,140	13,910	13,990	13,660	13,380	13,650	13,720	13,660	13,870
	18.9	18.7	18.5	18.0	18.2	18.1	16.8	16.2	15.7	16.0	16.9	19.1	18.9	16.8	16.3
Lee	34,330	36,140	36,070	36,600	37,020	36,280	36,630	36,370	37,120	36,770	35,890	36,440	36,770	36,650	37,140
	9.4	8.4	8.3	8.1	9.0	8.7	8.0	7.2	6.9	6.5	6.0	7.3	7.2	6.4	6.6
Limestone	22,840	23,940	24,010	24,200	23,910	23,890	24,030	24,200	24,180	24,040	23,780	24,290	24,430	24,300	24,780
	13.6	11.0	12.8	11.7	9.7	9.2	8.9	9.0	8.6	9.0	8.5	11.2	11.1	9.7	9.6
Lowndes	4,960	5,320	5,250	5,350	5,290	5,370	5,400	5,490	5,560	5,420	5,290	5,260	5,270	5,180	5,390
	19.2	17.6	19.0	17.4	18.3	18.7	18.1	16.0	16.0	14.0	14.3	19.3	18.3	17.7	19.7
Macon	7,820	8,000	8,030	8,050	8,160	8,120	8,160	8,030	8,090	7,800	7,760	7,810	7,810	7,780	7,930
	14.9	13.5	13.1	13.7	16.4	15.2	14.6	11.4	11.2	11.1	11.4	12.7	11.9	10.6	10.5
Madison	94,570	100,410	98,650	100,760	102,320	101,810	102,590	102,490	103,030	102,090	100,970	102,220	102,160	104,170	104,170
	10.7	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.6	8.8	8.6	8.0	8.1	8.2	7.7	9.7	9.0	9.8	7.9
Marengo	9,690	9,920	9,820	9,820	9,950	10,210	9,840	9,790	9,860	9,790	9,640	9,860	9,800	9,970	9,960
	15.4	15.4	17.8	16.5	16.7	17.1	13.4	12.2	11.7	12.1	12.9	15.0	14.2	15.0	12.7
Marion	13,300	13,760	13,810	13,970	14,010	14,320	13,810	13,490	13,500	13,580	13,250	13,550	13,490	13,490	13,420
	18.3	19.4	21.4	20.5	20.3	20.5	17.4	16.2	16.1	17.7	15.6	18.6	17.6	16.4	14.2
Marshall	33,020	34,920	34,450	34,720	35,290	37,360	35,030	35,200	35,260	35,020	34,960	35,930	36,000	35,470	35,910
	14.8	13.0	13.3	12.2	12.7	17.2	10.9	10.8	10.6	10.9	11.2	14.4	14.0	11.8	11.0
Mobile	158,750	163,820	165,920	166,170	169,130	169,240	167,360	163,240	163,950	161,260	158,890	163,040	163,710	164,260	164,740
	14.0	15.9	17.4	16.7	16.3	16.2	16.2	15.1	14.3	13.3	12.9	15.9	15.1	14.5	13.3

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983									1984			
	1982	1983	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate) —continued															
Monroe	10,360	10,770	10,830	11,020	10,890	10,920	10,860	10,820	10,950	10,980	10,900	10,940	10,950	10,900	11,010
	14.2	12.6	13.8	13.7	12.3	12.2	11.4	10.9	11.7	12.6	12.4	15.6	14.9	13.4	12.6
Montgomery	88,090	92,650	91,960	93,050	94,690	94,460	93,700	93,230	94,230	93,970	92,810	92,730	93,380	93,460	94,480
	11.1	10.6	10.6	10.2	11.1	10.8	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	9.3	10.7	10.6	9.6	9.0
Morgan	37,450	37,990	37,990	38,520	38,770	38,810	38,190	37,970	37,960	37,520	37,080	37,630	37,490	37,810	38,060
	16.1	14.5	15.2	14.6	14.3	14.4	13.6	13.0	12.8	12.4	11.9	14.5	13.6	13.7	12.4
Perry	5,690	5,880	5,830	5,960	6,050	6,010	5,940	5,910	5,950	5,870	5,780	5,840	5,690	5,660	5,730
	15.7	14.8	14.5	14.2	14.5	14.2	13.6	11.6	11.2	15.7	19.2	22.4	15.1	12.1	10.8
Pickens	7,550	7,630	7,650	7,830	7,720	7,790	7,620	7,590	7,650	7,510	7,600	7,500	7,540	7,450	7,590
	19.7	17.7	22.5	21.5	20.3	17.9	15.7	14.4	14.2	13.3	16.3	17.9	17.3	15.8	15.2
Pike	13,260	13,770	13,950	14,310	13,780	13,990	13,660	13,710	14,370	13,890	12,960	13,360	13,420	13,590	13,680
	13.4	13.7	13.3	13.5	14.0	14.8	13.3	11.9	10.6	10.8	11.9	12.0	11.8	12.0	9.6
Randolph	9,710	9,170	9,140	9,270	9,030	9,710	9,040	8,880	9,310	9,050	8,950	8,890	8,830	8,780	8,820
	21.7	17.8	17.9	18.6	17.3	24.5	16.4	12.7	12.1	12.7	13.8	18.0	16.2	15.9	13.1
Russell	17,990	18,320	18,190	18,360	18,490	18,590	18,510	18,060	18,230	18,190	18,210	19,480	18,690	18,560	18,790
	16.7	13.7	14.6	14.4	13.1	12.8	11.5	11.7	11.6	11.2	11.5	17.9	14.3	12.1	11.8
St. Clair	18,980	19,350	19,690	19,600	19,320	19,240	19,000	19,090	19,070	19,100	19,280	19,310	19,470	19,030	19,280
	14.7	14.2	15.7	14.6	13.1	12.0	11.6	12.4	11.7	12.4	13.2	14.0	13.9	11.3	10.9
Shelby	29,940	30,510	30,480	31,080	30,670	30,930	30,580	30,380	30,570	30,230	30,220	30,890	30,650	30,300	30,740
	13.0	12.4	12.3	13.4	11.9	11.9	11.6	11.4	11.4	10.9	10.9	13.6	12.1	10.3	10.1
Sumter	6,810	6,990	7,060	7,050	7,170	7,250	7,120	6,900	7,100	7,110	6,850	7,060	7,040	7,170	7,220
	17.7	14.3	15.7	13.6	16.2	16.7	13.7	10.6	11.1	11.8	9.9	12.2	11.1	12.0	13.3
Talladega	30,840	32,030	31,840	32,370	32,270	32,590	32,380	32,240	32,440	31,670	31,300	31,730	31,670	31,920	32,210
	19.2	17.1	17.9	18.0	17.6	17.4	16.2	14.8	14.2	13.5	13.0	15.0	14.6	14.7	14.5
Tallapoosa	16,900	16,580	16,220	16,460	16,910	17,390	16,780	16,510	16,660	16,560	16,620	16,850	16,970	17,080	17,220
	13.5	12.2	11.5	12.6	12.5	15.7	12.0	9.8	10.3	9.6	9.9	10.6	10.2	9.8	8.7
Tuscaloosa	55,530	56,520	56,920	57,270	56,520	56,610	56,210	55,900	56,800	56,540	56,400	56,910	57,500	58,020	58,090
	12.6	12.5	12.6	13.4	13.1	12.8	12.1	10.9	10.9	10.5	10.3	11.8	11.2	11.1	9.7
Walker	31,760	32,980	33,160	33,450	33,080	33,410	32,860	32,630	33,300	32,910	33,020	33,440	33,350	33,330	32,570
	15.0	16.1	16.6	16.7	15.4	15.6	14.8	14.6	15.7	15.2	15.6	17.3	16.3	15.5	12.1
Washington	6,200	6,380	6,370	6,530	6,630	6,740	6,420	6,530	6,500	6,340	6,210	6,330	6,400	6,550	6,510
	16.9	20.0	22.5	21.9	21.4	22.6	18.6	17.5	16.4	15.8	15.7	17.8	18.1	18.0	16.1
Wilcox	6,380	5,860	6,270	6,090	5,720	5,590	5,500	5,590	5,680	5,490	5,320	5,340	5,380	5,230	5,340
	18.7	20.3	21.4	20.6	20.8	19.5	18.4	18.3	18.1	17.6	17.1	18.8	18.0	17.2	16.1
Winston	8,480	9,150	9,080	9,250	9,360	9,510	9,280	9,170	9,290	9,170	8,960	9,570	9,850	9,450	9,450
	22.5	18.6	18.8	17.3	16.9	17.3	16.3	14.8	15.3	16.2	16.5	23.4	25.8	20.0	17.9
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	551,093	643,182	61,067	72,807	49,281	33,162	70,692	22,392	85,365	50,213	46,894	51,145	40,064	53,684	72,261
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	8,142	6,288	651	560	353	343	819	430	826	757	423	583	508	232	718
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	1,222,158	788,611	81,973	60,503	71,690	51,007	33,212	51,981	64,610	81,993	64,282	69,760	39,449	46,631	32,516
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	14,577	9,496	1,061	898	1,150	610	344	524	547	546	868	1,731	1,283	1,667	2,096
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[a] *(1,000 tons)*	39,655	34,916	3,193	3,051	3,268	2,560	3,013	2,812	2,948	3,118	2,653	3,017	2,522	3,015	3,110
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	22,680	23,017	1,650	1,490	1,678	2,149	2,571	2,547	1,798	1,588	1,884	2,494	2,093	1,793	1,604
Gasoline sales[a] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,840,396	1,861,406	150,978	158,764	159,700	159,303	165,359	153,217	153,174	148,354	168,460	.....	.....	.....	.....
New passenger car registrations[a] *(number)*	100,717	122,393	9,544	11,620	10,660	11,039	10,012	11,288	10,378	10,295	11,751	10,453	11,116	11,051	11,616
Retail sales by kind of business, state totals[a] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,634	.....	323	323	336	356	338	325	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
General stores with food and gas	331	.....	29	29	32	30	29	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
General merchandise	2,292	.....	204	171	163	190	198	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Apparel	499	.....	45	44	42	41	47	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Furniture, furnishings, etc	534	.....	49	53	56	56	60	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Automotive	2,690	.....	294	313	336	343	358	349	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gasoline service stations	1,342	.....	90	101	94	88	90	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lumber and building materials	778	.....	76	90	97	98	114	111	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hardware and farm implements	351	.....	34	39	42	41	42	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eating places	1,112	.....	99	104	104	110	111	107	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Drug stores	536	.....	40	42	36	38	39	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
All other retail	2,433	.....	201	235	238	216	236	232	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total sales by retail concerns	16,530	.....	1,483	1,542	1,575	1,607	1,663	1,615	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	4,749	.....	357	394	403	377	392	415	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total all sales at retail	21,279	.....	1,841	1,936	1,978	1,985	2,055	2,030	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[a] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	432,037	.....	37,700	39,448	42,513	49,304	51,054	48,924	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Birmingham	5,604,600	.....	503,026	523,112	542,315	543,358	577,490	602,301	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dothan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64,180	67,277	62,625	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florence	571,705	.....	47,505	48,245	50,479	63,605	65,598	63,784	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gadsden	395,827	.....	33,730	37,465	40,473	48,920	51,281	48,586	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Huntsville	1,064,650	.....	75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,261	111,714	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mobile	2,131,321	.....	172,423	186,646	195,871	233,943	240,731	217,431	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery	1,224,760	.....	113,913	118,305	127,634	144,442	152,919	147,640	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tuscaloosa	552,075	.....	51,079	52,860	57,120	63,538	68,343	67,387	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Counties															
Autauga	107,927	.....	9,681	10,388	10,986	9,939	9,677	9,116	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baldwin	366,715	.....	27,431	30,674	32,386	39,626	38,691	33,665	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barbour	62,778	.....	5,366	6,353	5,603	6,977	6,872	6,871	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bibb	27,761	.....	2,381	2,466	2,642	4,016	4,135	3,810	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blount	80,384	.....	6,399	7,016	7,639	8,335	8,757	8,797	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bullock	59,766	.....	2,873	2,666	2,769	3,030	2,739	2,915	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Butler	61,385	.....	5,364	5,924	5,792	7,567	7,599	7,367	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calhoun	432,037	.....	37,700	39,448	42,513	49,304	51,054	48,924	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chambers	91,694	.....	8,178	8,585	8,776	11,567	11,279	11,337	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cherokee	52,267	.....	4,797	4,913	5,369	5,360	4,744	4,789	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chilton	92,525	.....	8,323	8,720	8,963	10,115	10,059	9,475	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Choctaw	50,700	.....	3,753	3,852	3,623	4,210	4,121	3,941	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarke	89,267	.....	8,464	8,501	8,621	10,543	10,059	8,945	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clay	26,957	.....	2,433	2,076	2,334	2,518	2,763	2,339	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cleburne	24,342	.....	2,568	2,589	2,671	2,633	2,492	2,577	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coffee	142,602	.....	13,968	15,283	15,128	18,061	18,176	17,887	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983									1984			
	1982	1983	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	296,642		21,312	21,378	22,668	26,623	27,641	27,485							
Conecuh	34,109		3,327	3,317	3,364	3,912	4,025	3,911							
Coosa	20,855		1,315	1,551	1,553	1,528	1,654	1,500							
Covington	140,600		13,203	13,898	14,070	15,396	16,540	15,128							
Crenshaw	32,420		3,214	3,370	3,430	3,263	3,237	3,072							
Cullman	248,962		22,800	24,572	25,274	26,934	26,844	26,708							
Dale	97,392		8,450	9,203	9,138	10,789	10,809	10,090							
Dallas	188,352		15,999	17,506	17,583	20,057	21,239	19,629							
DeKalb	171,545		13,231	14,017	15,364	17,373	17,434	16,975							
Elmore	82,262		7,370	7,784	7,758	10,675	10,428	9,817							
Escambia	133,511		12,100	12,990	13,067	14,431	15,013	13,897							
Etowah	395,827		33,730	37,465	40,473	48,920	51,281	48,586							
Fayette	85,349		7,436	7,809	8,057	7,172	7,453	7,199							
Franklin	88,064		8,320	8,811	9,024	11,022	10,532	10,287							
Geneva	146,372		13,497	14,304	13,751	14,083	14,425	13,682							
Greene	21,917		1,722	2,254	2,167	2,334	2,029	2,103							
Hale	35,115		3,182	3,330	3,849	4,212	3,965	4,090							
Henry	40,210		3,884	3,994	3,887	3,870	3,526	3,890							
Houston	430,944		42,059	42,876	44,750	53,391	56,468	52,535							
Jackson	147,971		12,510	13,826	14,506	16,639	16,577	16,068							
Jefferson	4,911,771		433,065	448,400	466,509	464,146	497,248	522,309							
Lamar	37,354		3,168	3,481	3,490	3,662	3,993	3,912							
Lauderdale	275,063		26,193	26,867	27,811	36,982	37,957	36,299							
Lawrence	64,612		5,384	5,767	6,220	7,017	7,036	6,692							
Lee	291,706		26,569	28,742	30,099	32,450	33,684	35,165							
Limestone	148,159		12,732	12,806	14,140	16,625	16,602	16,335							
Lowndes	23,153		1,997	2,128	1,871	2,232	1,766	1,870							
Macon	42,695		3,655	4,030	4,098	5,012	4,782	4,431							
Madison	859,741		75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,261	111,714							
Marengo	87,042		7,434	6,553	6,554	7,458	7,137	6,791							
Marion	69,720		6,829	7,422	7,699	9,459	9,159	9,372							
Marshall	267,967		26,811	28,876	29,248	35,269	37,497	36,544							
Mobile	1,764,606		144,992	155,972	163,485	194,317	202,040	183,766							
Monroe	103,747		9,134	9,382	9,504	10,284	11,549	10,899							
Montgomery	1,034,571		96,862	100,133	108,890	123,828	132,814	128,707							
Morgan	476,700		46,763	51,232	47,039	51,489	55,483	54,013							
Perry	28,382		2,396	2,503	2,392	2,568	2,541	2,863							
Pickens	51,737		4,724	5,122	4,766	4,985	4,943	4,439							
Pike	83,838		8,420	9,436	8,411	9,542	10,582	9,512							
Randolph	54,925		5,139	5,399	5,249	5,740	5,756	6,158							
Russell	95,486		9,176	9,850	9,871	11,376	12,346	11,142							
St. Clair	105,453		12,113	13,225	13,874	15,143	14,439	14,077							
Shelby	261,472		25,959	27,540	28,824	46,130	27,337	27,242							
Sumter	34,465		2,851	2,920	3,004	3,213	3,356	3,143							
Talladega	219,173		19,300	22,703	21,401	25,541	25,019	24,383							
Tallapoosa	122,749		12,046	12,721	12,832	14,060	13,709	13,783							
Tuscaloosa	552,075		51,079	52,860	57,120	63,538	68,343	67,387							
Walker	286,965		25,490	26,931	25,469	29,604	29,709	29,876							
Washington	29,920		2,253	2,422	2,302	2,584	2,347	2,352							
Wilcox	35,627		3,083	3,145	3,134	3,444	3,496	3,324							
Winston	64,854		5,864	6,102	6,664	7,329	7,926	7,166							
Statewide[1]	4,185,970		325,161	332,174	315,325	145,084	136,259	145,200							
BUILDING ACTIVITY[2]															
Alabama total															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	712,696	1,079,085	72,068	108,222	72,677	93,959	120,559	96,165	86,676	162,881	76,349	65,449	75,491	99,328	193,079
Residential	237,082	449,881	40,009	47,803	32,005	39,580	47,066	34,835	43,819	42,063	27,533	24,927	38,376	39,447	46,811
Nonresidential	300,343	366,127	17,120	34,301	20,565	26,714	35,834	29,816	19,695	95,659	33,868	22,711	21,524	32,351	130,709
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	5,965	8,848	791	850	905	826	695	794	818	718	693	595	644	780	788
Residential	2,700	3,593	312	341	346	306	309	263	268	261	231	247	255	317	317
Nonresidential	442	932	112	96	112	92	124	106	109	101	81	75	93	126	113
Birmingham															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	109,048	213,343	5,671	23,569	8,012	7,729	14,059	30,767	9,844	83,104	6,605	5,689	4,413	8,945	7,619
Residential	13,918	31,921	977	9,643	1,221	1,378	1,317	2,529	4,275	904	885	1,100	1,574	2,100	2,551
Nonresidential	61,839	108,370	1,098	2,177	1,911	1,855	7,416	12,498	767	70,397	526	985	530	1,071	90
Decatur															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	8,551	14,095	1,073	1,154	1,235	1,167	1,367	1,424	1,278	1,004	789	912	1,111	1,075	1,106
Residential	2,937	7,340	713	722	770	741	918	995	862	663	267	673	845	739	739
Nonresidential	3,812	2,156	123	163	177	150	155	156	140	116	32	73	81	115	139
Dothan															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	28,821	18,943	899	695	1,073	1,388	1,340	700	3,402	2,191	2,952	1,075	1,064	1,568	1,353
Residential	5,626	7,760	568	326	475	350	366	316	2,412	805	351	444	631	685	695
Nonresidential	9,720	6,339	230	59	176	468	319	40	367	1,127	2,146	457	100	452	518
Gadsden															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	10,429	13,596	395	1,351	529	4,695	354	549	550	1,389	1,189	656	530	214	565
Residential	1,517	2,006	41	273	194	170	282	224	329	75	61	110	57	92	347
Nonresidential	3,271	3,912	2	378	271	161	2	271	201	1,283	1,104	24	452	102	163
Huntsville															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	58,302	122,759	5,583	15,688	10,765	12,423	17,391	8,823	20,834	9,742	6,919	6,115	16,817	12,836	8,111
Residential	18,311	51,350	1,935	4,390	3,263	9,556	7,145	2,171	10,578	1,598	1,939	2,203	7,732	4,874	4,843
Nonresidential	14,238	45,128	1,766	10,098	5,693	669	6,403	5,166	3,320	5,238	3,809	2,270	5,358	7,169	2,413
Mobile															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	83,675	109,508	8,756	14,828	3,923	14,352	13,411	5,161	6,093	8,760	10,475	3,718	5,366	17,080	116,254
Residential	19,544	38,261	6,816	4,337	1,334	1,132	1,810	1,127	990	1,586	7,313	984	1,470	1,424	2,639
Nonresidential	43,701	49,663	973	9,054	664	11,007	10,337	1,465	2,188	5,173	2,058	1,419	2,488	4,160	112,221

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983								1984			
	1982	1983	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	52,352	76,984	10,648	7,877	6,777	6,275	6,829	6,315	6,326	5,764	5,127	14,164	5,100	6,477	6,330
Residential	15,363	32,619	4,797	3,407	2,568	2,473	2,354	2,081	2,108	2,278	1,874	2,436	2,131	2,462	2,509
Nonresidential	22,178	28,264	5,301	3,265	2,542	2,205	2,762	2,652	2,596	2,170	1,856	9,934	1,882	2,727	2,496
Quad-Cities[1]															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	18,563	12,978	718	1,247	1,244	1,612	1,361	1,250	852	1,360	699	2,642	1,410	4,666	2,443
Residential	7,481	6,391	341	451	640	473	513	623	428	874	166	480	754	1,298	700
Nonresidential	5,722	3,506	246	176	261	737	705	380	537	123	100	207	585	3,031	1,079
Selma															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	2,757	4,197	184	635	115	336	103	901	67	98	356	1,826	213	219	1,019
Residential	987	357	63	135	30		20			65	20			24	87
Nonresidential	1,739	796	19	384	10	275	20	18	30	1		3	133	36	717
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	21,418	30,159	1,458	3,023	3,600	2,862	3,340	3,777	1,814	1,809	613	1,505	2,647	3,328	1,804
Residential	6,592	14,849	850	1,674	1,205	2,338	1,194	1,378	396	717	407	1,032	1,163	2,097	988
Nonresidential	8,408	6,227	187	424	569	187	1,221	711	527	599	3	132	929	573	277

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. — Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data. — Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data. — These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of F. W. Dodge Div., McGraw-Hill Information Co. — End-of-month balance.

Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

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Retail sales data represent sales at retail as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of *Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1977 are not available for the new series. Birmingham and Huntsville MSA sales data after June 1983 are not directly comparable with earlier data because county designations were changed. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census; the sum of monthly figures may not equal annual total. Total construction includes additions and alterations; therefore, is not a sum of residential, nonresidential. — Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Number of Households Up Substantially

The number of U.S. households increased substantially during the past year, according to a report released by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

The report, *Households, Families, Marital Status, and Living Arrangements: March 1984*, says that in March 1984 the nation had 85.4 million households, 1.5 million more than a year earlier. The rate of increase is about the same as in the 1970s but sharply higher than the 391,000 gain in 1982-83. That was the first time in 20 years the number of households did not increase significantly.

Families accounted for 73 percent of all households in 1984, a proportion only slightly lower than in 1980. There were 50.1 million family households containing married-couples, 9.9 million with female householders (no husband present), and 2 million with male householders (no wife present). One of every four households added since 1980 were families with no husband present.

The average number of persons per household fell to a new low of 2.71 in 1984, resuming a decline that began in the mid-1960s and was interrupted in 1983. Major factors in the decline have been the disproportionate increase in one-person households and comparatively low birth rates.

The report provides selected information on unmarried-couple households (defined as two unrelated adults of opposite sex who share a household--for any reason). There were about 2 million such couples in 1984, representing only 4 percent of all couples.

The report also discusses the proportion of young adults postponing entry into marriage. Among men 20 to 24 years old, the proportion never married grew from 55 percent in 1970 to 69 percent in 1980 and to 75 percent in 1984. Among women 20 to 24, the percentages were 36, 50, and 57. The percentages also increased significantly for men and women 25 to 29 and those aged 30 to 34.

The data are based on the Current Population Survey. As with any survey, the estimates are subject to sampling variability and other sources of error.

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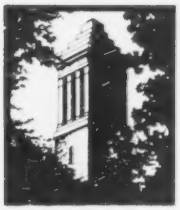

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